

REMARKS

Drawings

The drawings have been modified to include textual labels for the elements in figure 1, as shown in the enclosed proposed drawing correction, so as to give the viewer a clear understanding of the drawings.

Claim Rejections – 35 USC §112

Claims 1 and 16 have been amended to read “each appropriate rule” so as to eliminate the alleged vague limitation of “each or the appropriate rule”.

The formats of Claims 1-31 have been amended so that there is clear separation between the preamble and the bodies of the claims. They have also been modified so as to have distinct boundaries between the claim limitations within the claims.

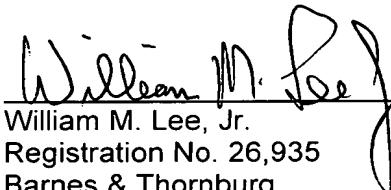
Claim Rejections – 35 USC §101

Claims 30 and 31 have been amended to claim “a database” so as to define the invention in compliance with 35 USC §101.

In view of the amendments made and the fact that the subject matter of the claims has not been rejected on the basis of the prior art, it is respectfully submitted that the claims are now in condition for allowance. Further and favorable reconsideration of the application is therefore urged.

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